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Bureau of Land Management, Alaska Office
Att'n: Northeast NPR-A Planning Team
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Dear Planning Team,

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Please accept these comments on the proposed amendment to the oil and gas leasing plan for the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve Environmental Impact Statement. I am especially concerned about the impact the Bureau of Land Management's proposal would have on the area around Teshekpuk Lake, one of the most unique and important wetlands in the entire Arctic.

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Wildlife

I urge you to adopt Alternative A, the "No Action" alternative, because it would maintain protection for the entire Teshekpuk Lake Surface Protection Area. The research done since opening portions of the eastern reserve to drilling all points toward an alarming impact on that region's fish and wildlife.

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While I'm not pleased by our country's dependence on foreign oil, I feel that this is neither the most prudent, nor the most inventive, nor the most effective way to combat that problem.

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Again, I urge you to choose Alternative A, the "No Action" alternative, to protect the reserve's irreplaceable wildlife, wilderness and subsistence values for future generations.

Sincerely,

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Attached: None